



## PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

No. 2012-1

Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

[read by: Kendall Henry]

Area 7 and 7A sockeye fisheries are controlled by the Fraser River Panel and not posted on this hotline. Fishers should call the **National Marine Fisheries Service Hotline at 1-800-662-9825** to get opening information on Fraser Panel fisheries. Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

In addition to the Fish Friendly cards, please be aware of the following gear specific requirements during Area 7 and 7A sockeye openings:

Gillnets are required to have a "Seabird Strips" in their nets.

Purse seines are required to brail all catch and have an operational recovery box on-board their vessels. Purse seines must also release all Chinook, coho, and chum.

Reef nets are required to have a Puget Sound Reef Net Logbook aboard to retain any marked Chinook.

**For the week of August 12<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup> all non-Fraser Panel controlled areas are closed except as follows:**

**Areas 7B (Bellingham Bay) and 7C (Samish Bay) will be open to:**

**Gillnets** using 7-inch minimum mesh size:

7 PM Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

7 PM Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

7 PM Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 AM to 9 PM.

### **2012 Limited Participation Fisheries:**

Any fishers wishing to have their name entered in the lottery fishery drawing for Area 8A coho must send in their entry forms no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>. These forms were sent out to all Puget Sound commercial salmon permit holders during the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Other possible fisheries where full-fleet participation may need to be limited will be determined in-season and fishers may submit entry forms for all other areas at anytime.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please contact Kendall Henry, the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, at 360-902-2717.